IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sogabe et al.

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For: CREATINE AMIDINOHYDROLASE,

PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USE

THEREOF

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified reissue application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention relates to a creatine amidinohydrolase, method of production thereof, reagent, and method of use thereof.

Status of Claims

Original claims 1-23, from the issued patent, have been canceled. Claims 24-42 have been added. In particular, claims 24-37 recite a creatine amidinohydrolase. Claim 38 is directed to a method of production thereof. Claims 39 and 40 are directed to a reagent and method for determination of creatine, respectively. Similarly, claims 41 and 42 are directed to a reagent and method for determination of creatinine, respectively.